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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN PRODUCER-CONSUMER
- CONFERENCE

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY CHARGE UPTON AND COMMERCIAL MINISTER
SMITH CALLED ON EB ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS ON AUGUST 29
AND INFORMED HIM THAT GOA HAD VERY RECENTLY DECIDED TO SEEK
FULL PARTICIPATION IN PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE TO BE
HELD IN PARIS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER. THEY HAD COME TO
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REGISTER GOA INTEREST, SEEK U.S. SUPPORT AND ASK FOR ANY

SUGGESTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE ON HOW GOA MIGHT ADVANCE ITS CAUSE. GOA WAS ALSO MAKING APPROACH IN PARIS. UPTON NOTED THAT AUSTRALIA WAS MAJOR TRADING NATION AS WELL AS MAJOR PRODUCER OF RAW MATERIALS AND WAS A PARTY TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, SUCH AS BAUXITE, IN WHICH AUSTRALIA WAS TRYING TO TAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE PART IN NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR PARTICIPATION AT 27 NATION MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, ENDERS NOTED THAT AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND WAS ONE LOGICAL GROUPING WHICH MIGHT HAVE REPRESENTATIVE AMONG 8 MEMBERS FROM INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. WHETHER EC COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE WAS IN QUESTION. WE DID NOT KNOW POSITION OF UK,

WHICH WOULD MAKE WHOLE THING VERY DIFFICULT IF IT ASKED FOR SEPARATE REPRESENTATION.

3. ENDERS SUGGESTED THAT AUSTRALIA MIGHT FIND IT IN ITS INTEREST TO TALK TO THE BRITISH. WE COULD NOT OF COURSE TAKE POSITION ON AUSTRALIA'S CANDIDACY AT THIS TIME. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, WANT AS REPRESENTATIVE A GROUP AS POSSIBLE AT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND IN FOUR COMMISSIONS ON ENERGY RAW MATERIALS, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS WHICH CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO CREATE. ROBINSON

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